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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC SUMMIT: IMPRESSIONS AND COMMENTS

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOR ON-THE-SPOT OBSERVERS, ISLAMIC  
SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN LAHORE LOOKED LIKE AN EXERCISE IN  
SUCCESS, WITH STRONG EMPHASIS ON THEM OF MUSLIM  
SOLIDARITY. NEGOTIATIONS ON PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEMS OF  
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, PALESTINE, AND JERUSALEM, WERE  
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NOT DIFFICULT, BUT CONFEREES DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME

AND ENERGY IN DEBATING APPROACH TO OIL PRICING AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROBLEMS ONLY TO EMERGE WITH PLATFORM SO GENERAL AS TO BE OF LITTLE COMFORT TO POOR MEMBERS. SUPERFICIALLY, CONFERENCE WAS DOMINATED BY BHUTTO ALONG WITH CROWD-PLEASERS SUCH AS QADHAFI AND ARAFAT. SUBSTANTIVELY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT FAYSAL, SADAT AND BOUMEDIENE EXERTED GREATEST INFLUENCE ON OUTCOME. THIS REPORT INCLUDES COMMENTS ON OTHER PERSONALITIES AMONG CONFEREES. END SUMMARY.

1. AT END OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN LAHORE WE HAVE NUMBER OF IMPRESSIONS ON PROCEEDINGS, SUBSTANCE, AND PERSONALITIES THAT ADDRESSEES MAY FIND USEFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO ASSESS OR EVALUATE SIGNIFICANCE OF CONFERENCE AND/OR ROLES PLAYED BY INDIVIDUAL LEADERS.

2. SMELL OF SUCCESS: SUBSTANTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ASIDE:, EVENTS IN LAHORE FROM FEB 21 ARRIVALS TO FEB 25 DEPARTURES, INCLUDING FRIDAY PRAYERS AT BADSHAHI MOSQUE, SUMMIT MEETINGS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, FESTIVE DINNER AT LAHORE FORT AND GRAND RECEPTION AT SHALIMAR GARDENS, AND NUMEROUS OTHER SOCIAL AFFAIRS, ADDED UP TO VIVID LOCAL IMPRESSION OF A ROUSING SUCCESS. AT TIMES, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC OR MASSIVE SOCIAL EVENTS, AIR OF EUPHORIA WAS THICK ENOUGH TO SLICE. BUT EVEN IN ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS WHERE HEADS MET, SWEET SMELL OF CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS SPRINGING FROM ARABS' EFFECTIVE USE OF MILITARY AND OIL WEAPONS WAS EVIDENT TO ALL OBSERVERS. SPEECHES, COMMENTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND FINAL DECLARATION APPEARED TO VARY FROM TOUGH SELF-ASSERTIVENESS TO ATTEMPTS AT STATESMANLIKE POSTURES APPROPRIATE TO THOSE WHO LEAD FROM STRENGTH.

3. MUSLIM UNITY: THIS THEME RAN THROUGH ALL SPEECHES, SATURATED PAKISTANI PRESS, WAS CONSTANT REFRAIN OF TV AND RADIO ANNOUNCERS, AND WAS OBVIOUSLY GREAT SUBJECT OF CONVERSATION AND SOURCE OF PRIDE AMONG ALL WALKS OF LIFE HERE. EARLY REPORTS HINTED AT FRICTION OVER JORDANIAN DELEGATION'S REACTION TO FOREIGN MINISTERS' PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS, BUT JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR LATER TOLD US (LAHORE 0318) THAT HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVT ACCEPTED (FOR THE MOMENT) PLO STATUS IN INTERESTS OF UNITY. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA AND CHIEF DELEGATE PAZHWAK INTRODUCED RANCOROUS NOTE IN HIS SUMMIT SPEECH BY REFERENCE TO DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN BUT BHUTTO DID NOT PICK IT UP AND BIG LEAGUERS SADAT AND BOUMEDIENE FORCEFULLY STRESSED NEED FOR CONFERENCE TO AVOID BILATERAL DISPUTES AND EMPHASIZE UNITY. WE DO NOT YET HAVE DETAILS OF SUMMIT'S CLOSED SESSIONS, BUT GENERAL IMPRESSION FILTERING OUT IS

THAT KEY DELEGATES WORKED HARD AMIDST FREQUENTLY SPIRITED DISCUSSION BUT ADOPTED FAIRLY LENGTHY RESOLUTIONS AND FINAL DECLARATION WITHOUT SERIOUS FRICTION OR CLASHES. FINAL PRODUCTS APPEAR TO BE HARD-LINE, PERHAPS ANOTHER INDICATION OF INCREASED STRENGTH OF ARAB BLOC. BHUTTO (ACCORDING TO FRONT PAGE ITEM IN PAKISTAN TIMES) TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE LATE SUNDAY NIGHT THAT THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT DELEGATIONS OF TURKEY AND IRAN WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH SUMMIT CONCLUSIONS; THERE WAS NO PROBLEM, BHUTTO SAID, AND BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD COOPERATE. IN ANOTHER NOTE OF UNITY, IRAQ'S PRESIDENT HASAN AL-BAKR SENT MESSAGE TO SUMMIT (THROUGH UGANDA'S IDI AMIN) ASSURING CONFEREES THAT IRAQ WOULD "BRING ABOUT" PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH IRAN. EVEN CHRISTIAN REPRESENTATION (PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH) WAS PRESENT IN ASSEMBLY, ENDORSED ARAB POSITION ON PALESTINE, AND OBTAINED PARAGRAPH OF APPRECIATION IN FINAL DECLARATION. BUT MOST DRAMATIC DISPLAY OF UNITY, AND ONE WHICH REQUIRED GREATEST BEHIND SCENES EFFORTS BY KEY MEMBERS, WAS RECONCILIATION OF PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. PAK TV AND RADIO GUSHED WITH ENTHUSIASM DURING COVERAGE OF MUJIB'S AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND HIS ENTRANCE INTO ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS, AND OUTDID THEMSELVES IN PICTURING STAGEY AND LENGTHY BHUTTO-MUJIB ARM-IN-ARM APPEARANCE DURING SHALIMAR GARDENS RECEPTION.

4. NEGOTIATIONS: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND JERUSALEM QUESTION WERE INSCRIBED ON AGENDA

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